

National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

General Session—Friday, June 24, 2005—Buffalo, New York

Minutes of Meeting

Chairman Billingsley called the meeting to order at 8:01am.

Executive Secretary Bob Garrett called the roll and the following council members were present:

AAA	Jeffrey Bagdade		
AAMVA	(No Delegate)		
AAR	Mel McNichols	IACP	James DeFord
AASHTO	Tom Hicks	IBTTA	Kerry Ferrier
	Dave Woodin	IMSA	Greg Boswell
	Barry Warhoftig	ITE	Tom Aber
	Tim Taylor		Gene Putman
	Ken Kobetsky		John Fisher
	Scott Thorson		Bruce Friedman
	Bruce Ibarguen		Gene Hawkins
	Ed Fisher		Jon Upchurch
AHAS	(No Delegate)		Kevin Woodard
AHUA	(No Delegate)		Ronnie Bell
APWA	Steve Oliver	NACE	Lee Billingsley
	Darryl Hockstra		Jeff Blue
	Jim Sparks		John Logan
AREMA	Richard Bowden	HFR	Fred Hanscom
ARTBA	Fred Peil	GHSA	Ron Lipps
ATSSA	Dave McKee	NCUTL&O	Ray Pusey
LAB	Richard Moeur	NSC	Dan Magri
APTA	Paul O'Brien		

Honorary, Non-Voting Members: Jim Pline, Dick Luettich, Robbie Robinson

Secretary Garrett declared a quorum with 36 of 39 voting members present. Also present were approximately 100 other members and visitors.

Signals Technical Committee Report

Signals Committee Chair, Bruce Friedman, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 32 of 38 committee members in attendance plus about 10 guests. They heard presentations on LED enhancements for signals displays, toll plaza signals and accessible pedestrian signals research. They are continuing to work on flashing yellow arrow display for left turn movements and revisions to Section 4C.05. They will have one item to go to sponsors on walking speed for pedestrian clearance time.

Three items were sent to sponsors prior to this meeting with proposed changes to sections 4A.02, 4E.06, 4E.09, 4F.01 and a new 4F.04. The committee reviewed all the sponsor comments and made appropriate changes. The proposal on section 4A.02 is withdrawn. The revised proposals on sections 4E.06, 4E.09, 4F.01 and 4F.04 were presented (**Attachment No. 1**).

Moved by Friedman, seconded by John Fisher to approve the proposed changes to sections 4E.06, 4E.09, 4F.01 and new 4F.04 as presented by the Signals Technical Committee (Attachment No. 1) Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Friedman, seconded by Bell to change the title of 4F and 4F.01 to include the words “and Beacons”. Motion passed 33-1-0

There was concern expressed with drivers confusing this beacon in 4F.04 with a rail crossing because of the alternating flash. Richard Nassi commented that the “wig-wag” flash used in Tucson has shown to have a very high rate of driver compliance.

Moved by Bowden, seconded by Woodard to change the language to indicate simultaneous rather than alternating flash. Motion defeated 5-28-0.

Markings Technical Committee Report

Markings committee chair, Gene Hawkins, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 19 members and 11 visitors present. They had presentations on scatter marking materials, LED pavement markings and NCHRP synthesis. They will have two items to go to sponsors.

The committee had sent proposed changes to sections 3B.17 and new Section 3G.07 to sponsors. They reviewed the sponsor comments and made some minor editorial changes.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Thorson to approve the proposed changes to sections 3B.17 as recommended by the Markings technical committee (Attachment No. 2). Motion passed 30-2-1.

There was concern expressed with including items in the MUTCD which are not traffic control devices (TCD) without saying they are not TCD's.

Moved by Hicks, seconded by Moeur to include language which indicates that detectable warning surfaces are not traffic control devices. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Putman to approve proposed new section 3G.07 as recommended by the markings technical committee. (Attachment No. 2). Motion passed 33-0-1

Bicycle Technical Committee Report

Bicycle committee chair, Richard Moeur, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 7 members present. They reviewed comments from sponsors and made some changes to their recommended changes to Part 9 regarding shared lane markings.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by John Fisher to approve the proposed changes to Part 9 regarding shared lane markings.

There was considerable discussion on this proposal.

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Logan to table the motion. Motion passed 23-7-3.

RW Signs Technical Committee Report

RW Signs Committee chair, Bruce Ibarguen, reported on his committee meetings this week (**Attachment No. 3**).

G/MI Signs Technical Committee Report

G/MI committee chair, Barry Warhoftig, reported that the committee met Wednesday and Thursday with 21 members and 15 visitors present. They continue to work on roundabout signs and acknowledgment signs and will have items for sponsors. They also discussed a proposed RV friendly symbol for logo signs and the use of more than six business by utilizing blank space on other logo signs. They have no action items to present at this time.

RR&LRT Technical Committee Report

RR&LRT Committee chair, Richard Bowman, reported that the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 29 of 45 members and 8 visitors attending. They now have five task forces including a new pedestrian task force to cover pedestrian issues at RR crossings. They reviewed the comments from sponsors for the two proposals that they had submitted and presented the revised proposals.

Moved by Bowman, seconded by Upchurch to approve the changes to section 10C.02 as proposed by the RR&LRT Technical Committee (Attachment No. 4). Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Bowman, seconded by O'Brien to approve the changes to Section 10C.17 as proposed by the RR&LRT Technical Committee (Attachment No. 5). Motion passed unanimously.

The RR&LRT committee will have four items for sponsors which address some of the 37 items from FHWA.

Research Committee Report

Research committee chair, Dave McKee reported that the committee had met last evening with 9 members and 8 visitors present. They received a report on research efforts underway at TRB and NCHRP as well as by FHWA through the Pooled Fund. The committee discussed the issue, "*If money were no object, what TCD research should be conducted in the next five years?*" Several research statements were suggested and many others promised to send the Chair a list of statements.

Temporary Traffic Control Committee Report

TTC committee chair, Gene Putman, reported the committee had met Wednesday and Thursday with 36 of 41 members and 13 guests in attendance. They reviewed the sponsor comments on the committee proposal on the interim approval of a Assisted Flagger Assistance Device and the proposed law enforcement device and prepared revised proposals.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to recommend to FHWA that the Automated Flagger Assistance Device (AFAD) as described in December 2004 FHWA Interim Approval, should not be considered for inclusion in the MUTCD until the Temporary Traffic Control Committee's concerns are addressed with documented results from field usage by exactly approved states, no additional states should be permitted interim approval for use until documented results are made. Motion passed unanimously.

It was recommended that when this is sent to FHWA that there be included an explanation of the recommendation.

Report of the Border Patrol Checkpoints Task Force

Gene Putman gave a report on the development of guidelines for border patrol checkpoints (Attachment No.6)

Putman then presented the Technical Committee's final set of TA's and text. He explained the issues that had surfaces during the discussion, and the reasoning for the committee recommendations. Two major issues were discussed after the presentation. 1) The recommendation that the TA's and text guidance not be placed in the MUTCD, and 2) That the Border Patrol officers should wear safety vests.

- 1) Not being in the MUTCD = The Technical Committee and at the General Session discussion was that this is only for 97 Border Patrol Checkpoint located within 100 miles of the United States boundary. They are not for other law enforcement checkpoint and thus should be not be in the MUTCD. This point was commented on by several of those that made comments.
- 2) Officers wearing safety vest = Several that spoke up stated that more law enforcement officers die from being hit by vehicles than are killed by gun fire. The Border Patrol stated that their officers feel that by putting on the safety vest that it makes them more of a target. Those that commented from the delegates agreed with the technical committee that the safety vest would improve safety.

Moved by Putman, seconded by Logan to approve the recommendations of the technical committees regarding border patrol checkpoints including the illustrations and language as in Attachment No. 6. Motion passed 29-0-5

Regina McElroy commented that the submission to FHWA should clearly define the NCUTCD position that the border patrol checkpoint language and illustrations not be included in the MUTCD.

Reconsideration of the Bicycle Proposal

Moved by Hawkins, seconded by Moeur to remove from the table the previous motion by the Bicycle Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Moeur explained that the goal is to include shared use lane markings in the 2008 MUTCD and action is needed now to start the process. He presented an amended motion that included “engineering judgment” rather than “250 feet”.

Moved by Moeur, seconded by Bagdade to approve the amended proposal by the Bicycle Technical Committee. Motion failed 19-11-3. (proposed changes in the manual require 2/3 majority)

June 2006 Meeting

Bruce Church, Kansas DOT, made a presentation on the June 2006 meeting which will be held in Kansas City. The hotel has not been selected yet and the exact date is not known, but it will be mid June.

It was also announced that the 2007 meeting will be in Lake Tahoe, NV and 2008 in Alabama.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.

Respectively submitted,

Robert M. Garrett, Executive Secretary

